

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
K. OKADA : **EXPEDITED PROCESSING**
: **REQUESTED**
: Group: 3714
Serial No. 10/686,567 :
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For: GAMING MACHINE, SERVER, AND PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This request for reconsideration is submitted in response to the final Official Action dated July 23, 2007, the time for response to which is up to and including October 23, 2007.

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 15 and 16 are independent.

Restriction and Withdrawal

Claims 16-27 stand restricted and withdrawn. The restriction is respectfully traversed.

Claims 16-27 are restricted on the grounds that "[n]ewly submitted claims 16-27 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Claim 16 discloses a method for setting a value associated with an award obtainable based on a total